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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

(WCIWY) - MEXICO'S PREPARATIONS

REF: A) USUN 565; B) STATE 43269

- 1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FONSEC OUTLINING INITIAL GOM PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS. ENCLOSED WITH NOTE IS MEMORANDUM CONTAINING BASIC INFO ON CONFERENCE, APPARENTLY SAME AS THAT RECEIVED FROM UN SECT BY USUN (REF A). COPIES OF NOTE AND MEMORANDUM BEING POUCHED (D/IWY:DONNELLY).
- 2. NOTE INDICATES GOM HAS DESIGNATED MINISTER-COUNSELOR AIDA GONZALEZ MARTINEZ, FONSEC DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AS CONFERENCE LIAISON OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FOREIGN AND DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. MISS GONZALEZ IS WELL KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY, UNFORTUNATELY NOT FOR HER PROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OR CLOUT.
- 3. GOM HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED A HOTEL RESERVATION OFFICE TO SERVE NEEDS OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. HEADED BY RAMON ALATORRE (WHO RAN HOUSEING FOR 1968 OLYMPICS AND DID FIRST-RATE JOB), THIS OFFICE APPEARS ALREADY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE COMANDEERING HOTEL SPACE LOCALLY FOR CONFERENCE

PERIOD AND WILL BE DIFFICULT TO COMPETE WITH.

4. FONSEC NOTE REQUESTS "ALL INFORMATION" AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY REGARDING MAKE-UP OF US OFFICIAL DELEGATION (WHO WILL HEAD DELEGATION, NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, DATES OF ARRIVAL, ETC.) AS WELL AS NON-OFFICIAL DELEGATES WHO WILL ATTEND "PARALLEL ACTIVITIES" AND SEMINARS PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH WCIWY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

- (A) ALTHOUGH FONSEC NOTE SEEMS TO DUPLICATE MEXICAN EMBASSY NOTE REPORTED REFTEL B, REQUEST ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PERMIT EMBASSY RESPOND TO FONSEC VERSION OF INQUIRY.
- (B) NEEDLESS TO SAY, FOR ITS OWN PLANNING PURPOSES, THIS EMBASSY WOULD ELSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULLEST POSSIBLE ADVANCE GUIDANCE ON SUPPORT /TASKS IT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEAR, IN BEHALF OF BOTH OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL US DELEGATES. OUR CURRENT IMPRESSION IS THAT. DESPITE ITS INDEPENDENT CHARACTER, "NON-OFFICIAL" DELEGATION WILL IN FACT GENERATE VERY SUBSTANTIAL WORK FOR US, SINCE AMCITS INVARIABLY TURN TO THEIR EMBASSY WHEN FRUSTRATED IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH HOST OFFICIALS. WE MAY CONFIDENTLY EXPECT SUCH FRUSTRATIONS WHEN "SIX TO SEVEN THOUSAND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AMERICANS" DESCEND ON GOM, AND WE BELIEVE IT UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT TO WASH OUR HANDS OF THEIR PROBLEMS, COMPLAINTS, AND GENERAL ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY WONDERS THEREFORE (1) TO WHAT EXTENT NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP WILL BE COORDINATED AND BRIEFED IN ADVANCE BY DEPT, AND (2) WHETHER DEPT CONTEMPLATES SPECIAL TDY PERSONNEL AND/OR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT THESE EXTRA LOGISTICAL, INFORMATIONAL, REPRESENTATIONAL, AND CITIZENS-SERVICES TASKS ARE CARRIED OUT.
- 6. RESPONDING TO REF. B (JUST RECEIVED):/

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- (A) PARA TWO EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND MAKE KNOWN TO SR. ALATORRE DEPT'S DESIRE THAT USDEL NOT BE ASSIGNED MOST LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS.
- (B) PARA FOUR WE STRONGLY DOUBT THAT OFFICE SPACE AND CONFERENCE ROOM WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USDEL AT CONFERENCE SITE. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE LIMITED SPACE

SUITABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, CHANCERY LOCATED
MINIMUM 15-20 MINUTES' DRIVE FROM FONSEC'S CONFERENCE
CENTER ("TLATELOLCO") WHICH IS TO BE SITE OF WIWY.
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